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Docket #98N-1265  
Food and Drug Administration  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Sir,


This letter is let you know that I am opposed to placing limitations on those pharmacies providing individualized, compounded prescriptions. I have been using specialized, compounded prescriptions for a number of years due to severe allergies and chemical sensitivities. I have tried working with several compounding pharmacies within a 200 mile radius of my home and was unable to obtain the expertise and service required to fill my prescription satisfactorily. Madison Pharmacy Associates in Madison, Wisconsin has been the only pharmacy that can adequately provide this service to me.

The use of compounded medication has made an enormous difference in my life, in my health and in my general well being. My compounded prescription relieves my symptoms and makes it possible for me to live a closer-to-normal life. Prior to my compounded prescription, I was experiencing symptoms that were debilitating such as depression, sleeplessness, anxiety, and suicidal tendencies.

The FDA's definition of "inordinate amount" is unreasonable. There is no reason to allow only a limited number of prescription to be shipped out of state by a specialized pharmacy. Such a limitation would compromise the quality of my life by restricting my ability to obtain medication my doctor has prescribed for me and medication that I need. The services specialty pharmacies provide to me and my doctor are not available from commercial pharmaceutical manufacturers, nor most local pharmacies.

Please deny further pursuit of Docket #98N-1265. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



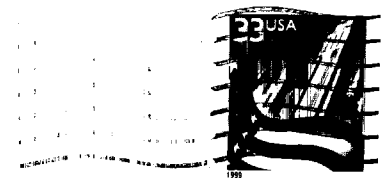
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